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Requirements on Polish Agricultural Machinery Industry

1. Within CEMA Poland was to share role of grain combine specialist with East Germany and Hungary. In December 1956, Poles stated 1957 grain combine production to be cut from 1,410 units to 500 units. Poles were to produce more small farm machinery needed by de-socialized agriculture.

a. Will Poles attempt to fulfill their CEMA committments?

b. Has production of combines in Plock been curtailed and production of locally needed machines begun?

c. Will Poles go through with plans to produce other types of combines, e.g., corn, beet, and potato combines?

d. Are Poles offering particularly favorable terms to encourage sale of combines as compared to Hungary, USSR, or Czechoslovakia? What are details of any final sales agreements -- e.g., prices, deliveries, spare parts and maintenance agreements? Are deliveries to come from unsold inventories or future production?

e. Are the Poles supplying any other satellites with combines, or other types of agricultural machinery?

f. Are the Poles attempting to establish permanent markets in the Middle East for the sale of combines or agricultural machinery in general?

g. What will be the future role of Poland's agricultural machinery industry, e.g., will it largely support Polish agriculture, or attempt, in addition, to gain foreign export markets within and outside the Bloc?

h. What is assessment of present technology of industry compared to USSR? How dependent have they been upon Soviet designs, technicians, etc.?

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